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C O N F I D E N T I A L TANANARIVE 0738

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAID, GE, MA

SUBJECT: GDR LOAN TO GOMR

1. JAPANESE COUNSELOR SONOYAMA, DURING TOUR D'HORIZON MAY 28 WITH DCM, SAID HE HAD INFORMATION FROM GENERALLY RELIABLE SOURCE CLOSE TO CHIEF OF GOVT RAMANANTSOA, THAT GDR AND GOMR HAD SIGNED ONE BILLION MALAGASY FRANC (APPROXIMATELY \$4.1 MILLION) LOAN. INTEREST IS ZERO PERCENT WITH GRACE PERIOD OF 15 YEARS. SONOYAMA COULD NOT REMEMBER ADDITIONAL PERIOD DURING WHICH LOAN IS TO BE REPAID BUT BELIEVES HE HEARD 15 YEARS. MOST SURPRISINGLY, HE SAID LOAN WAS COMPLETELY UNTIED AS TO SOURCE OF PROCUREMENT UNDER LOAN, HENCE JAPANESE INTEREST, AND ITEMS ELIGIBLE FOR PROCUREMENT.

2. BOTH SONOYAMA AND DCM CONJECTURED THAT REASON LOAN NOT YET PUBLICIZED IS GOMR DESIRE TO SAVE SUCH NEWS FOR MOMENT OF MAXIMUM POLITICAL IMPACT AND/OR BALANCE.

3. ACTION REQUEST: INAS MUCH AS TERMS, IF ACTUALLY AS STATED, SEEM REMARKABLY LIBERAL, EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE  
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INFORMATION WHETHER OR NOT THESE FIT GDR PATTERN OF ASSISTANCE

TO OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES AND ANY OTHER PERTINENT COMMENTS.  
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